

Gentlemen, I totally understand the changing of the world and the changing of Amateur Radio that must go along with it. In respect to eliminating morse code from all requirements of licensing amateur radio operators, I request of you, please do not. In order to satisfy your requirements to obtain more operators, you already have addressed this issue and have established the no-code licensing which has been in place for a number of years.

The current rules of the commission regarding morse code is the learning of this at 5 words per minute which is by no means an astronomical task. However, I would find it agreeable to amending the rules for the General type of license to allow for the upgrade to this class of license by question and answer examination only. For the Extra class of license, I implore you to keep the morse code examination. This class of license by it's title means "one who has gone an extra step" and morse code proficiency can mean this extra step.